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### **OBEY VIEWS LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT**

Congressman and Local Officials Review Use of Federal Funds for Paving CTH CC

TOMAHAWK, WI – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Tomahawk Monday meeting with local officials to view the six mile-long paving project on County Highway CC between US Highway 8 and 4th Street that is being completed using \$1.17 million in federal economic recovery funds. This federal funding was part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) directed to the State of Wisconsin and was provided through legislation produced by the Appropriations Committee which Obey chairs.

“Communities can’t grow and they can’t provide decent job opportunities without strong infrastructure such as good roads,” said Congressman Obey. “The purpose of the Recovery Act funding is to meet community needs, ease the squeeze on local taxpayers and help stabilize the economy by stimulating construction jobs.”

Obey said, “It is good to see that a significant share of the Recovery Act funds is finding its way into job creating projects that are north of Highway 29. The economic problems of the north are just as serious as they are in the more populous parts of the State.”

The effort to upgrade Highway 8 with new pavement on this major commercial corridor in Tomahawk is expected to be completed ahead of schedule.

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